GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TEA IMPORT FROM VIETNAM
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in the import of tea from Vietnam to India;

(b) if so, the total quantity of tea imported from Vietnam in the year 2003;

(c) the total quantity of tea imported from Vietnam in the first half of the current year;

(d) whether the import of tea has adversely affected the Indian tea industry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The quantum of tea imported into India from Vietnam during the year 2003 was around 1.11 million kgs as against about 12.02 million kgs during the year 2002.

(c) During January to May 2004, the quantity of tea imported from Vietnam to India was around 2.38 million kgs.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Tea is imported into India mainly for the purpose of re-export after value addition. Such imports for re-export increases the price competitiveness of Indian teas in the international market besides catering to the requirements of international buyers.